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The \$15,000,000 Russian fisheries north of Japan will probably cut a figure in the peace negotiations when the time comes for the envoys to act.

If the National Guard of Hawaii is to be kept going as a political machine it ought to be commanded, ex-officio, by the chairman of the Republican Territorial Committee.

Representative Quinn's Sunday bill should be amended so as to let in the ministers. They are about the only people not named in the measure as having the right to work on Sunday.

It is stated that the political value of the National Guard is such that it will have to be provided for. In that case why not be honest and entitle the bill: "An Act to Support and Maintain the Republican Party of Hawaii Territory?"

No wonder the Russian government is puzzled about what to do with railroad strikers. If they are shot the train service, upon which so much depends in these days of war, will be crippled in proportion. Good train men are not so plentiful in Russia that they can be indiscriminately attacked by bayonets and bullets.

Niagara Falls may be destroyed as a spectacle by the use of its waters for power. Water is taken from the rapids above the cataract and carried through tunnels around it, discharging its floods below the falls in such a way as to keep machinery moving. At the rate the supply is being diverted, the precipice of Niagara may soon be as dry as the Hudson river palisades.

Desertion is the bane of the Navy, but perhaps it wouldn't be if men had a fair chance to rise above the hat-touching sphere of warrant officers. There may be men as good as Paul Jones in the fore-castle, but they never get a chance to prove it. Napoleon's plan of letting every soldier feel that he had a marshal's baton in his knapsack, is a good one to extend to the sea as well as to the land-forces of every militant country.

Coast files say that fifty vessels will be added to the Japanese naval strength by the salvage operations now being conducted at Port Arthur. Large salvage crews are working to recover the vessels, some of which will be repaired at the Port Arthur docks, which 2200 workmen are putting in repair to receive the sunken vessels as soon as they are raised. It has been ascertained that the explosions by which the Russians hoped to destroy the ships affected only their plating and did not damage the structural parts.

Tourists who are here should not miss the chance, which only a few tourists get, to see a volcano in action from a comfortable vantage-ground. Kilauea, spouting fire fountains, is as majestic in its way as is Niagara at the flood and as safe to observe. Once seen at its best, Kilauea is a thing to remember for a lifetime. During the eighty years or more in which the eruptions of the great volcano have been closely observed by white people, no sightseer there has lost his life. Unlike Mount Pelee, Kilauea is a mannerly volcano, not subject to devastating explosions—a fact due, perhaps, to geology, the whole island of Hawaii being honey-combed with air-passages and perforated with safety-vents.

It would be interesting to see the Emperor of Russia or any other Russian prosecute this war "with energy." The past year has seen the Russian army do nothing more energetic than to retreat in the field and resist behind stone walls in garrison. A lively initiative has not yet been taken by anybody on shore; though at sea the two sorties of the Vladivostok squadron showed some spirit. Lethargic tactics are peculiarly Russian, as might be expected of a nation of sheepherders. A man like Sheridan or Kitchener in Kuropatkin's place would have had an army in Korea by this time and would keep the Japanese lines of railway communication in Liaotung harassed by cavalry raids.

It is noted by Harper's Weekly and other papers that Mr. Bryan is thought much better of in the East than he was a few years ago. "The Bryan of 1905," as Harper's observes, "has come a long way from the spot occupied by the Bryan of 1896." He has learned much which was denied him in the narrow and narrowing confines of the Middle West, and most of the new light has come from the "enemy's country." It is a remarkable proof of Mr. Bryan's high qualities of leadership that two defeats for the Presidency have not lessened his influence in his party. He has a vastly greater following than Cleveland, who won the Presidency

twice and aspires to be the Democratic sage and mentor. Parker is nowhere in comparison. With his growing conservatism and the many years before him—he is not yet forty-five—Mr. Bryan may arrive at the White House yet.

COLONIAL BALL AT HAWAIIAN

Amid a wealth of American flags, flowers and palms and to the lit and rhythm of Hawaiian music, Captain and Mrs. Henry Lyon as the guests of honor greeted Honolulu's society folk at the Colonial Ball given last evening at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Captain Lyon, in the dress uniform of his rank as a captain in the United States Navy, and Mrs. Lyon, attired in a gown of net over white silk and with powdered hair, received the great throng of guests in the beautifully adorned parlor. In the receiving line were also Mrs. Goodwin, representing the merchant service, Mrs. C. F. Humphrey Jr., representing the army and Mrs. Fuller, representing the marine corps, each lady typifying a branch of the sea-service of the United States. Mrs. Frederick Church as host, introduced the guests.

The parlor was a fantasy of color, for upon the walls, hung branches of the beautiful purple bougainvillea, interspersed with palm branches, while a frieze near the ceiling was carried entirely around the room. Huge American flags were arranged with gently drooping folds upon the walls. Overhead in the form of a Greek cross were flags of the naval service.

With powdered hair and in quaint Colonial costumes the ladies in the receiving line formed a most attractive group.

The lands and dancing halls were treated in style similar to that prevailing in the reception parlor for all were adorned with palm branches and enclosed in flags.

The park and grounds were beautifully illuminated and in this setting of lights and waving palm branches the effect was one of extreme beauty. During the reception a complimentary concert was given in the hotel park by the Hawaiian Government band. Following the reception of guests and the conclusion of the concert, Solomon's quintette in their old-time uniform of white with red sashes, played waltz music and quickly the floors were covered with dancers. The colonial gowns won by a large number of ladies, many with picture hats, were conspicuous. Refreshments were served on the Waikiki lanai. The ball was given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church.

MANGOSTEENS FROM LAHAINA

Gerrit Wilder brought some mangosteen fruit from Lahaina the other day which is exhibited in a Fort and King street window. It came from Mrs. Horner's yard from a tree planted by Mrs. Turton over twenty years ago. This is the only mangosteen tree in bearing on these islands except the one on the Gay estate, Kauai. Mr. Wilder has made an attempt to graft from the former tree "by approach." He took seedlings from a tree of the same family, the Kaman, and attached the two. He hopes in this way to get some mangosteens started on his fine place at Makiki and elsewhere in the city.

KONA WOODS ARE AFIRE.

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tion. Work night, get advantage mauka breeze. Also fire Bishop estate lands, Kahauloa, Honaunau.

Captain A. C. Simerson of the Mauna Loa says that the fire did not appear to amount to much when he passed South Kona Thursday morning. Certain Hawaiian passengers on the Mauna Loa, who are familiar with the district, report having seen both the fire on the government land and that on the Bishop estate—the former being much larger and brighter.

A conference is to be held in the Governor's office at 9 o'clock this morning to determine what and how much money can be spent in fighting the fire, and to authorize some local man to take charge of the work.

Tonight should see a gang of men at work in the woods. It is probable that the Bishop estate will also authorize the employment of a regular fire gang. There is no steamer to Hawaii until Tuesday next. Unless a Kona storm, with rain sets in, it is probable that Superintendent of Forestry Hosmer will go on the Mauna Loa, to take charge of the fire fighting in person.

NEGLECT ALWAYS DANGEROUS. To the average man it seems childish to doctor a cold, and unless it becomes particularly annoying to him, little or no attention is given it. Often, a cold contracted in the winter is allowed to run until the opening of spring. This is a grave mistake, as even though the warm weather may bring relief, the system is thereby weakened and rendered susceptible to disease. A cold should never be neglected, whether it be a child or an adult who is afflicted, as health and often life is risked. A bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, costing but a small amount will bring speedy relief and by its use all dangerous consequences will be avoided. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

Iolani and Punahou.

One of the best football games of the season will take place today when the Iolani and Punahou come together. The Punahou are just two points in the lead and the Iolani intend to cut this down.

BUILDERS & TRADERS STANDING COMMITTEES

The new president of the Builders and Traders' Exchange has appointed the following standing committees of the Board of Directors for the current year:

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Library and Complaints Committees will be appointed later.

It is proposed to affiliate with the National Association of Builders of America in the hopes of securing their assistance in matters of interest at Washington to Hawaiian builders and contractors.

LINDSAY GOT WELL AT THE VOLCANO

Judge Lindsay has faith in the Volcano House and the volcano itself as a restorer of broken-down health. The following note to his physician here gives an idea of what he thinks of the atmosphere at the volcano after convalescing there a month:

Hilo, Feb. 16, 1905.

My Dear Doctor: Your idea of sending me to the volcano was a wise one, for I have gained twenty-five pounds so far. The climate is fine and bracing and you make no mistake in sending convalescents up there. Under the new management the Volcano House is fast being got into decent shape, and they set a table there that is not excelled by the Honolulu hotels. I came down yesterday. Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ALEX. LINDSAY, JR.

Mrs. Silva Dead.

Mrs. Mariana Lima Vivashaves-Silva, mother of John Vivashaves, the well known Inspector of the Board of Health, died of cancer at Kaimuki Hospital yesterday morning at 12:30. She was born in 1848 in the City of San Miguel, Portugal, her father having been a government prosecutor of that city. She and her children by her first husband, Manuel, John and Joseph A. Vivashaves and Mrs. Mary Hawkins, came to Hawaii over twenty years ago. In addition to the above children, Mrs. J. D. Avery and two younger sons, Antone and Johnnie Silva, survive her. The services were held at the Catholic Cathedral, Father Valentine officiating, and the interment was at Pearl City yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Silva had been in the Queen's and later Kaimuki Hospitals one day less than ten weeks.

Tourist's Sad Death.

Mrs. H. P. Taylor, a visitor to the islands from California, died suddenly of apoplexy at the Volcano House last Tuesday. She was a widow about 66 years of age and only went to the volcano the last trip of the Mauna Loa, being in company with Miss Langdon of Ohio, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Rogers of Honolulu. Mrs. Taylor had made the descent of the crater on Tuesday morning, and soon after coming up complained of illness. She died at 10 o'clock that night.

You must suffer to be beautiful, according to a French saying. There seems to be some truth in the statement, if a lady's maid in Paris is to be believed. She has revealed the secrets of her mistress's boudoir, or, rather, torture chamber. The lady herself is now beautiful, but one wonders that she is still alive. For months she lay flat on her back on the floor, motionless, with her arms close to her side, during several hours every day. This was, it appears, to improve her figure. During the rest of the day, for the same period of time, she sat on a high stool giving and rocking the upper part of her body backward and forward and from side to side unceasingly. By this process she is said to have acquired a statuesque throat and a sylph's waist. The lady's nose, having a soaring nature, was corrected and made Grecian by the constant application day and night for months of a spring bandage. One nostril was originally larger than the other, so she wore a small sponge in it for a year. Her cheeks have been filled out and rounded by injections of paraffin. Her ears for months were compressed against the sides of her head by springs, while heavy weights were attached to the lobes to produce the required elongated shape, which has been successfully achieved. Having suffered this complicated martyrdom for a year, the lady, as already stated, is now beautiful.

The actor—"Look here, old man, I wish you'd lend me five dollars in advance, and take it out of my first week's salary." The manager—"But, my dear fellow, just supposing, for the sake of argument, that I couldn't pay you your first week's salary—where would I be?"—Life.

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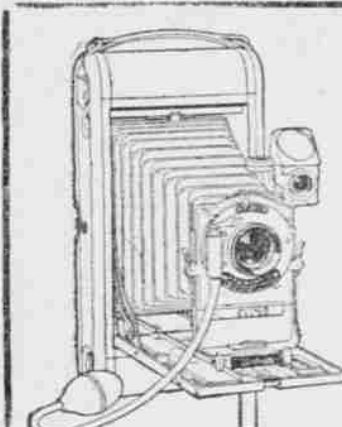
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